

PATENT Attorney Docket No. 051252-5200 Application S.N. 09/410,584

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)
Mehmet Zeki ALYANAK	)
Application No.: 09/410,584	) Group Art Unit: 2832
Filed: October 1, 1999	) Examiner: R. Barrera
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CHANGING THE DYNAMIC RESPONSE OF AN ELECTROMAGNETICALLY OPERATED ACTUATOR	) ) ) )

## PETITION TO RESET A PERIOD FOR REPLY DUE TO NON-RECEIPT OF AN OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions to reset the period for reply to the Office Action dated 23 November 2001 to February 20, 2002. M.P.E.P. §710.06 sets forth that "[i]n the event that correspondence from the Office is received late (A) due to delays in the U.S. Postal Service...applicants may petition to reset the period for reply."

Due to the lapse in time since Applicant's last Response made on 06 September 2001, Applicant's undersigned representative called Examiner Ramon Barrera on 20 February 2002. Examiner Barrera indicated that a Final Office Action was mailed on 23 November 2001. Applicant's representative therefore requested a courtesy copy of the Final Office Action.

The Final Office Action dated 23 November 2001 sets a shortened statutory period for replying that expires on 25 February 2002. However, as evidenced by the enclosed copy of the Attorney's Docket Report, the Office Action was never received at the correspondence address (as designated by Customer Number 009629).

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However, because the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on 23 November 2001 has not been received, as evidenced by the Attorney's Docket Report, Applicant respectfully petitions that the period for response be restarted as of the date of the courtesy facsimile transmission on February 20, 2002.

It is respectfully submitted that this Petition is timely filed within maximum extendable period for reply as outlined in the 15 February 2002 memorandum of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully petition to restart the previously-set three-month period for reply to the Office Action to run from the date of receipt of the Office Action at the correspondence address on 20 February 2002.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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Respectfully submitted, MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP

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